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Site selected for new High School

by Tamara Collins

Chinook's Edge School Division (CESD) has selected a site for the new Didsbury High School. The paperwork is now complete and the school division is taking the next step towards construction.

The high school will be located on a 15-acre parcel of land located directly east of the Mountain View County offices in the southeast area of town. Chinook's Edge is able to utilize a five-acre section of land to be set aside as a school reserve as well as an adjoining 10 acres formally owned by Herman and Shirley Dorin.

"We are pleased to have been able to work with the Dorin family and the Town of Didsbury to arrange to build on a property that will serve the students of Didsbury for many years to come," said Jim Gibbons, CESD superintendent.

The Town of Didsbury granted first reading to By-laws 04-02 and 04-03 at their Monday council meeting. The By-laws are to change the Municipal Development Plan from R (Residential) to RI (Recreation/Institutional/Public Facilities) and the Land Use Bylaw from UR (Urban Reserve) to IS (Institutional) for 15 +/- acres in the NW corner of SE Quarter 18-31-1W5M.

Gibbons said the site was selected because it would best help the division meet the needs of students.

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photo by Kim Eaton

Celebrating Empathy

The students at Ross Ford School gathered into the gym Thursday morning to finalize the end of the six weeks they spent learning about Empathy. This is part of the character building they are presently doing at the school.

Midway School's future still being questioned

By Shawne Mohl

The future of Midway School is still unknown, and the date when Chinook's Edge School Division (CESD) are expected to hand down the verdict is also unknown.

The committee which Chinook's Edge struck to look

at the viability of the small, 36-student school east of Carstairs, is on the 'hit-list' for closure for the local school division, as administration say it is costing too much to keep the school open and the school is in need of half-a-million dollars worth of upgrades.

The board will be asked to make a decision in the near future.

"(The point of the committee, which was struck by CESD was to look at the school and ask,) 'Is the school viable and in what ways can the viability be improved?' Really, that's the gist of it," said the committee's chairman

and CESD Trustee, Ian Taylor.

The committee presented the history, the numbers, and the stats of the school at the last regular board meeting of CESD, March 10.

Midway School was first built in 1953, and was open for business the fall of 1954.

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IN THE COURTS

Trial will continue in June

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The trial of a man charged following a single vehicle accident near Westward Ho east of Sundre in May will continue June 25. Gregory Albert Wilvers faces seven charges including dangerous operation, disqualified driving, theft, and driving with a blood alcohol level greater than 80 mg per cent. His trial began on March 8.

Wilvers was charged following an accident on a rural road south of Hwy 27 about 12 kilometres east of Sundre on May 1st.

That accident saw a pickup truck pulling a holiday trailer leave the roadway and roll several times. Three people in the vehicle were taken to the Sundre hospital, treated and later released.

Crown witness Terry Clark, who has a property along the roadway where the crash occurred, testified he ran to the scene seconds after the mid-afternoon accident.

He said when he came up to the vehicle, the accused was sitting behind the steering wheel, with two passengers beside him in the cab.

He testified he later witnessed the accused slurring his words, staggering around the scene, and arguing with one of the passengers.

Ralph Conway testified for the Crown that he had possession of the pickup and trailer at his Westward Ho residence prior to the accident.

He said he had not given anyone permission to take the vehicle from the property.

The Crown is expected to call more than 20 witnesses in the trial.

Man took motor vehicle

A man who took his employers' truck in Calgary and didn't bother to return it has been jailed.

Darren Dean Rizling pleaded guilty on March 8 to a charge of taking a motor

vehicle without owners consent.

The accused took the vehicle on March 3 from his oil company employer, court heard.

He was supposed to return the vehicle at the end of the work day, but instead headed north.

When he tried to fill up in Didsbury on March 6, his credit card was rejected. Having already filled up the vehicle, the man was compelled by the clerk to go to the police station.

Once there police determined that the 2002 Chev Silverado was stolen.

"I guess you get permission in the future," said Judge R. Davies.

Citing the three days the accused spent in pre-trial custody, the judge ordered him jailed for one day.

Youth punched friend

A 16-year-old boy who punched a friend in the nose during a drinking party last September has been fined.

The boy, who cannot be

named, pleaded guilty on March 8 to a charge of assault causing bodily harm.

The accused and the victim got into an argument while sitting in a vehicle, court heard.

After a time, the accused punched the victim, causing his nose to bleed.

"Are you a tough guy?" the judge asked the boy.

The accused nodded his head no.

The judge fined the boy \$240.

Boy made hashish

A 17-year-old boy who admitted growing marijuana and then processing it into hashish has been placed on probation.

The boy, who cannot be named, pleaded guilty earlier to a charge of producing a controlled substance. He was sentenced on March 8.

"He either has a drug problem or he has an attitude problem," the judge said. The boy was sentenced to one year probation.



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NEWS

School

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According to Gibbons, the division required 15 acres for the size of school that is planned. This site is close to recreational facilities and to work experience sites in Didsbury. The new location will also help the division and town address concerns about traffic congestion around the current high school, middle school and elementary school.

Chinook's Edge examined several possible locations for the new school. One consideration was to build in the area of the elementary/middle/current high school however, Gibbons said that building in that area would result in several challenges, including baseball diamonds and a proposed soccer field that would be displaced. There are wetlands in the area and limitations with roads and residential housing bordering on the division's property that also caused concern.

"We are happy to have a beautiful location," said Roy Brassard, CESD Board chair. "It will give us the opportunity to design a modern high school that will be best for the students of Didsbury. At the same time, we'll be able to address some current challenges such as traffic congestion."

Alberta Infrastructure announced its approval for a replacement high school for Didsbury last spring. The total cost of the project is expected to be \$7,793,864. The school will be designed to accommodate 390 students in grades nine through 12.

On April 1 at 6 p.m. at the train station the Town is holding a Public Hearing for Bylaws 04-02 and 04-03. Following the Hearing will be a Special Council meeting where council will have the opportunity to pass the second and third readings.

"The Public Hearing is an opportunity for people to put in their input about the by-laws," said Mike Phillips, Town development officer. "If people have objections, concrete reasons to draw concern, we will listen to them and the council will make an informed decision."

Once the property is officially rezoned the division will move forward with planning, and if all goes well, a ground breaking in the fall of this year. If everything continues as scheduled the school will open in the fall of 2005.

"We are very excited about this announcement," said Denise Miller, Didsbury High acting principal. "We've been waiting for the go ahead and now we can begin planning our new high school. This is great news for the students and the community of Didsbury."

Midway continued from front page



photo by Carla Victor

Deb Ohlhausen and Heidi Nysten, Midway School committee members and concerned parents crowded into the Chinook's Edge School Board meeting on Wednesday along with other parents to express concerns over the possible closing of Midway School.

Deb Ohlhausen, a committee member and parent of a student which attends the school, hopes that CESD can find some way to make Midway feasible, and save the school from closure.

"Midway School has seen numerous birthday parties, 4H meetings and events, weddings, and a number of other things," Ohlhausen said. "It really is the 'Heart' of our community. (The community) is nothing without Midway School."

Roy Brassard, chairman for CESD and also a committee member, agrees with Ohlhausen, explaining that this is why it is such a difficult decision for the board.

"It is a hard decision because we recognize that Midway School really is Midway. There isn't a town there, there isn't a village there - the only thing that is there is a school, and everyone in the area uses Midway School as sort of a Central point," Brassard said. "It's a tough decision when you know the cost of educating students in that school is above normal because of the low attendance."

CESD Superintendent Jim Gibbons explained to the board, last week, that the school's current student population is sitting at 37.

The school's capacity is 79 students. So, with only 37 students attending the small, rural school the utilization is sitting at 47 per cent.

"Enrollment over the last two years has gone from 42 down to 37 (students)," Gibbons said.

Brassard says that since CESD is the largest rural school division in the Province, perhaps the board needs to work harder at finding a resolution to keeping Midway open.

"Chinook's Edge is the largest, truly rural school division in the Province."

So, if anyone has any sympathy towards a small community school it should be Chinook's Edge. So, if we have to bend some rules, a little bit, to accommodate that or to en-

courage that then we should do so. (Although,) at the same time we have to make absolutely certain that we are doing everything possible to encourage enrollment in the school and make it as viable as possible."

Gibbons went on to explain that in order to keep the school open and safe for CESD students to attend, the building is in need of \$525,000 worth of upgrades.

"(Alberta Infrastructure) have been waiting for us to decide if we are going to keep it open. There is no point in putting half-a-million dollars into the school if we are to turn about and shut it down a year down the road," Taylor added.

If the school were to be closed the cost savings for CESD would total about \$170,955.

And, if the school were closed and students were to be bussed out, the closest school would be Carstairs, 32 km away and Didsbury being 35.9 km away.

The committee, when they performed their viability study to see if there was a shortage in students, shows that there really isn't a shortage at all.

Of the students which live in the Midway School bussing boundaries, and are within the grade structure at Midway, 14 of these students go to Carstairs; eight go to Didsbury; and 13 are picked up and taken to schools in the Golden Hills School Division.

Brassard says that although students have a choice on where they go to school, perhaps CESD should be sending students who choose CESD schools to Midway school.

"Students have a choice in where they get their education. However, in Midway's case we already bus some students out because the school only goes to grade 6," Brassard explained. "In a lot of cases where the older sibling is already going into Carstairs, the parents are saying, 'I would rather my

younger child went there so they can be looked after by their older brother and sister.' That is contrary to bussing regulations, normally, because if there is a school in the area then that is really the school you should go to. In this case it impacts on the schools population, and there are almost 100 kids that go elsewhere and not to Midway."

Pat Christensen, vice-principal of Hugh Sutherland School (HSS) in Carstairs who also administers Midway School, says that her experiences with the small rural school have been nothing but positive, and encouraged the school board to, also, keep the doors to Midway open.

"I found the students to be well motivated to do their work and do it well," she said. "In my time being there, there was no such thing as bullying as students at the larger schools at times face. Students do not fall through the cracks at Midway School. The small pupil-teacher ratio helps the students keep their dignity, while still receiving the help that child requires."

Christensen, just like the many parents who were present at last week's board meeting, says that the board has a tough decision to make, but hopes the end result would be in keeping Midway School open.

"Ladies and gentlemen I do not envy your decision, but I know it is one you have to make."

Ideas tossed out; The committee came up with a list of ideas that could, in the future, help grow the student population at Midway School.

Some of these ideas include: Enforcing bussing boundaries;

Changing the grade configurations (Possibilities included: Changing it to K-4 or maybe even go as high as grade 9. Currently the school goes to grade 6);

Offering different types of

programs, such as specialty programs.

"Those aren't necessarily recommendations, but they are all alternatives and possibilities because we have to do something differently because we can't carry on the same old way we have," Taylor added.

Midway parents are currently working on a program, which they hope, could encourage more students to Midway School.

The parents are trying to come up with an agricultural ecology theme, to sort of make Midway School a 'Green School.' The parents are expected to hold an open house in the near future to discuss this program, to see if it would work - and most importantly, would it attract more students.

"I guess the first decision is, 'Are we going to keep it open?' Then, if the board decides to keep it open we have got to look at some of these ideas and decide which ones we want to implement, which ones we think will work best to increase the enrollment at the school," Taylor added.

The difference between Chinook's Edge and urban school divisions is that fact that they become involved in more than the education of children, but also involved in holding communities together through their schools, Taylor says.

"Do we have a responsibility to the community, being the largest rural school division? Are we just in the schooling business or are we also in the business of supporting our small, rural communities?" Taylor questioned.

The board is expected to discuss this issue, once again, in the near future.

People representing Benalto School, also the responsibility of CESD, were also in Innisfail last week trying to garner support to keep their school open.

They, along with Midway School, are also on the list for "possible" school closures.

OPINIONS EDITORIAL

Marriage



TAMARA COLLINS
EDITORIAL

I attended the Marriage on the Rock event held at the Zion church last Sunday. I have never been more effected by anyone's words as I was by Diane and Dale Lang. This is a couple who has been struck by tragedy when their 17 year old son was killed in the Taber School shooting.

When Diane got up to speak I noticed a glow in her face you don't often see. She spoke about the son she lost, her relationship with Jesus, her family and her husband. The whole speech really touched

me. Diane said that she and Dale were brought closer together after their son's death. Jesus is the biggest part of both their lives, and Diane admitted to putting Jesus above all else. She also said that she trusts the God in Dale, and lets him lead the household.

This couple was clearly very much in love with each other and with Jesus. Dale spoke about loving each other, even your enemies, and about the important of forgiveness. They are clearly good role models to speak on marriage, and gave advice to other couples.

Diane said to never go to bed angry, and shared with us the importance of encouraging each other and learning to bring out the best in each other. I think these things are very important in any relationship. Many times people get so caught up in their own lives, they forget what they are living for, and forget how to properly love one another.

Thank you Diane and Dale for showing us a true example of what a marriage is all about.

Wonderings of the heart

Spring!!

by Margaret Fradley

Yes, it is March, and although we might yet experience some cold blasts of wintry winds, there are also our thoughts of spring in the air. Before long we will look for daffodils, tulips, and crocuses popping up (particularly on the south side of our homes); we will begin to see a thin mist of green surrounding the trees as they make ready to bud; we will begin to see the odd gopher scampering across our path; and we will be looking forward to seeing that first robin.

It is an exciting time, it seems like new life is springing out on all sides; before long there will come the gentle spring rains to wash away all the dust and grime, leaving nature fresh. Anticipation of all this occurring is always special in itself, and keeps us from getting impatient with its return.

As I ponder this, I like to equate it with our lives, there are times when the testing, trials, and difficult experiences come into our lives, but there comes a time also when there is release, when through other situations; through loved ones, through friends who hold us up, or knowing there is "One" who cares and will always be there for us, our steps once again seem to lighten, we experience a 'lifting of our heads' and like the season of spring, we have new, fresh hope, and new life flows back.

Spring is just around the corner. If we are facing heavy decisions or difficulties, our hope is ever present and often in our lives these issues take time, but spring does come to each of us.

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BSE — a huge challenge for us all

by Jack Hayden, Presi-
dent of the Alberta Asso-
ciation of Municipal
Districts and Counties
(AAMD&C)

In recent days the BSE issue has heated up once again, with questions being asked about the \$400 million in provincial assistance that has been allocated to various fed cattle and cull cattle programs. From the perspective of the Alberta Association of Municipal Districts and Counties (AAMD&C), we do know that cow-calf operators haven't benefited very much as yet, and we also know that prices for beef at the grocery store haven't dropped nearly as much as prices received by cattle producers.

But we also acknowledge that every sector of the livestock industry is hurting badly, not to mention trucking companies that hauled livestock and a whole host of small businesses in rural Alberta. It's a matter of time before that hurt will have a devastating impact on our revenue base and the services we provide.

Alberta's deputy premier and minister of agriculture, Shirley McClellan, has said her department is looking into the issue of cattle prices paid

by processors, and the AAMD&C is eager to find out the facts.

As for assistance to cow-calf operators, we're waiting to hear the details on a federal program that was supposed to have been announced two weeks ago.

In the meantime the AAMD&C is trying to do what it can to represent the interest of our member municipalities and rural Albertans on this very difficult issue.

In late February we met with Minister McClellan, who told us she shares our concern that the U.S. border may not reopen to our live cattle anytime soon. She is very aware of the uncertainty and anxiety that's out there in rural Alberta, and she's working with the federal government to get additional assistance to cattle producers through improvements to the Canadian Agricultural Income Stabilization (CAIS) program.

Minister McClellan told us what's needed is an innovative overall management plan to deal with excess numbers of cull cattle, and we couldn't agree more. We passed along that message this week when we joined our fellow rural associations from Saskatchewan and Manitoba in meetings with federal Finance Minister Ralph

Goodale, Deputy Prime Minister Anne McLellan, the Senate Agriculture Committee and top officials with Agriculture and Agri-Food Canada.

In line with resolutions passed at our convention last November, the AAMD&C urged the federal government to end all supplementary beef imports from non-NAFTA countries, to help improve the market for beef from older cattle. We also told them about the devastating impact the BSE crisis is having on rural Alberta, and discussed the adequacy of federal assistance to cattle producers and measures taken so far to reassure consumers.

But we also talked about the need for the federal government to drop its testing requirements for imported U.S. cattle with respect to bluetongue and anaplasmosis. In many ways this is just a needless barrier to trade, and we're hoping that quick action on the issue will help us gain much-needed support from the National Cattle-men's Beef Association and other industry groups in the U.S.

There's no denying that politics have become a major factor in how the U.S. government is handling the question of reopening the border.

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FROM THE MAILBAG

"A day of salvation"

Dear Editor:

Mel Gibson believes his wife will not be going to heaven if she doesn't become a Catholic (from a CNN interview). That means 5 billion go to hell. And of course all those who never heard the name of Jesus Christ so they could be saved. Sound kind, gentle, fair to you?

My wife is not a true Christian. I believe she has a very good chance of being saved but she's not going to heaven. Nobody goes there. Jesus and God the Father are coming here. As for hell, there is no eternal torture in hellfire. Those few who do not make it into God's kingdom as Gods will be burnt up, the second death.

This life of ours is not the only time for salvation regardless of what Billy Graham and the like say. You don't have to give your heart to the Lord tonight and come down the aisle. It's in the New Testament but it is a translation from the Old, "a day of salvation," not the day of salvation. What a difference an article can make (II Cor. 6:2 and Isa. 49:8).

So I don't have to try to save souls. I don't have to send missionaries to the ends of the earth. Jesus will send a prophet before he returns who

will turn hearts back to God. DO YOU KNOW WHAT THAT MEANS? No minister or priest is doing God's work on earth. If they were, a prophet wouldn't be needed.

When Jesus returns as King he will flood the earth with truth. This will be another time of salvation. And at the end of 1000 years he will resurrect everyone who had ever lived and not known the truth, almost everybody, and they will be given their chance for salvation. My father and mother will be there. Maybe my wife, but I hope she will be called before the end of this age of Satan's rule. God the Father calls. The buck stops with him.

Both Mel and his wife will most likely become Gods. So will most Catholics, Baptists, Pentecostals, Lutherans, Episcopalians, Seventh Day Adventists, Mormons, Jehovah's Witnesses, Methodists, Presbyterians, Muslims, Buddhists and Hindus.

Now doesn't that make my God a kinder, gentler one? You will be leaving your god, the god of this world, Satan the devil.

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A Desenting Opinion to "We Elected Them, Let Them Do Their Job"

Dear Editor:

As a property owner in Mountain View County and a member of the Mountain View Taxpayers Association (MVTA), I feel I have to respond to what Richard Jarand, Chartered Accountant, has espoused in the February 13, 2004 issue of the Mountain View County News in a Letter to the Editor.

He says the MVTA "represent a small minority of all taxpayers that disrupt the process to their own benefit."

I like to think of the MVTA as an "oversight committee" that are continually reviewing the operations of Mountain View County to ensure that the elected and appointed officials of the County are meeting the expectations of the electorate.

When operational inefficiencies and perceived frivolous spending occur, MVTA try to remedy the situation by making inquiries of the administration, (the appointed officials) and addressing their concerns to the elected officials. If this is disruptive then tell me what is an acceptable process and how do you address wastefulness and arrogance?

The MVTA are attempting to do due diligence. Under the Municipal Government Act the only due diligence that occurs is when the Municipal Affairs look at the annual returns submitted by the municipalities. They review accountability and fiscal management only. Occasionally they do a forensic audit of each municipality. They will, however, investigate substantive formal complaints about impropriety and administrative matters relating to municipalities.

Municipal auditors are rarely asked by municipalities to give a judgment on the worthiness of expenditures, only on their validity. There is an absence of due diligence in municipal matters.

Mr. Jarand praises the ac-

countability of the County on financial matters. He seems to imply that the budgeting process and controls are creations of the County rather than the legislated requirement of the Municipal Government Act. The surpluses that exist in the County are not so much from management as from the growing Assessment base. Mountain View County has one of the highest assessment bases for rural municipalities in Alberta.

Mr. Jarand says that the Councillors and senior staff members work in the best interests of the residents and that they make the best use of taxpayers money.

This observation comes after his successful lobby for a firehall in Water Valley.

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The inmates are in charge of the asylum

Dear Editor:

Tonight on "The Last Word", Nigel Hannaford discussed the 'artist' who sprays his blood on all and sundry.

Apparently this is the 'artist's' way of rebelling against the establishment and mechanization! The kick in the head that he mentioned was that, on the 'artist's' trip to NY (where he sprayed a Picasso with his blood), the taxpayer of Canada funded his trip to the tune of \$40,000.

And they take money away from the military, deciding that \$50/day for meals is too much and clawing back \$3,000 from men who went on course in good faith. The inmates are in charge of the asylum.

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TOWN OF DIDSBURY PUBLIC MEETINGS

• MPC: March 24, 2004 • Town Council: March 29, 2004

• Community Services: March 23, 2004

There's still time to submit your entries for the
Didsbury Centennial Logo Contest.

All entries must be submitted by March 31, 2004 at the town office.

NEW DEVELOPMENT PERMIT APPLICATIONS

The following Development Permits have been issued for the following proposed developments:

• DP 05-04 17 Julia Place Garage R1

Further information may be obtained at the Town Office, 2037 - 19 Ave. or by calling 335-3391. Persons wishing to appeal any of these decisions must do so in writing, with the appropriate fees, to the secretary, Development Appeal Board, prior to 4:30 p.m. on March 31, 2004 Robert Wigg - Development Officer.

NEWS

County, Town's trying to work "as one"

By Shaune Mohl

The animosity between the Town's and Mountain View County, could be set aside after the creation of a new committee was formed to, hopefully, create a regional economic development framework for the region as a whole.

The committee was created after Alberta Municipal Affairs appointed two private consultants to facilitate a meeting for the municipalities.

"We want to have this area work together as a region, as compared to working against one another," said Bob Clark, Carstairs resident and also chairman of the committee who was appointed by municipal affairs. "The region being the County of Mountain View and all the municipalities within it."

Elected officials and the managers of each municipality met last Wednesday evening, in Carstairs, to discuss the outlook of this

group and how they want to work together towards "common goals."

Roy Brown, the Town of Carstairs' interim CAO, says that he believes the region would operate better economically if everyone worked together, rather than always competing against one another.

"The Town saw it as looking at the economic sustainability because we see ourselves as being apart of the County," Brown said. "At last week's meeting we were just presenting our issues and we want to work towards solutions."

The Town, at present, has no expectations of this meeting as Brown says they didn't want to go into the meeting demanding things.

"We felt it was important to go in open minded so that it benefits both Town and County."

Brown touched on the aspect that smaller municipalities - like Carstairs - are constantly facing rising costs, yet not many in-

creases in revenue making it difficult.

The County, however, seems to have a more stable economic base than the urban areas, making it easier for them to balance their budgets, Brown said.

Brown says the Town's aren't looking for a "quick fix" solution by having money handed in their direction, but rather they are looking for long term solutions.

"It is important for the Towns and rural areas to work together in spirit of cooperation that allows both to benefit economically whether it be shared servicing or joint encouragement and development of industry in the region," Brown said.

The Town's, Brown says, are not just seeking money but want to look into the future as "one."

"We are not looking for money, we are looking for solutions," Brown said. "We want to promote this region and we want to grow it. We want to be working together and not against each other as a

rival."

Mayor Lance Colby says that he looks forward to working with this group, and hopes it will grow the entire region.

"This is all about sustainability," Colby said. "We want to be working as a whole, not just each one alone."

When asked if this meeting has anything to do with the animosity between the Town and the County in regards to Mountain View County wanting access to the regional water line to construct an industrial park, no officials would comment.

The Town and the County have, for some time, been bat-

tling over the use of the regional water line, which the town's own, and the County is hoping to get in on. Alberta Municipal Affairs was brought in over this issue a few months ago.

Colby and Brown couldn't comment any further on this issue, as the group agreed that the "major details" would be discussed amongst each other, and not through the media, Clark said.

More details are expected to be released in the coming weeks.

At last Wednesday's meeting the municipalities of Mountain View County, Carstairs, Didsbury, Olds, Sundre, and the Village of Cremona were all represented.

Attempted murder charges laid in Carstairs assault

By Dan Singleton and Shaune Mohl

Two 48-year-old brothers have had charges of attempted murder added to their docket after a 92-year-old Mountain View County woman was assaulted in her home two weeks ago.

Stuart Morley Bell of Carstairs and his twin brother Kenneth Ross Bell of Rolling Hills, Alberta, were charged with aggravated assault last week.

The new charges, which carry a maximum penalty of life imprisonment, were put to the accused during a brief appearance before Judge Ian Kirkpatrick in Calgary provincial court on March 10.

Wearing prison-issue blue coveralls, the Bell brothers did not speak during the court appearance, except privately to their lawyers.

By agreement between defence and Crown, the brothers remain in custody pending a March 17 bail hearing in Calgary provincial court. Neither man has entered pleas to the charges.

A publication ban prohibits reporting on anything said during the March 10 court appearance.

Following court, prosecutor George Combe said the Crown will be opposing bail for both men. He declined to say what the Crown believes could be the possible motive behind the incident.

Carstairs senior Alyce Francis, 92, says she was assaulted by two men known to her, in her Carstairs home, at about noon on March 3.

"They grabbed me and turned me upside down," Francis said from her Didsbury Hospital bed following the incident. "One took one leg and one took the other. They carried me upside down into the den,

and dropped me on the carpet floor."

She said neither man made any demands and did not steal anything during the incident. Her husband Reg, also 92, called 911 following the attack.

Alyce Francis has a fractured vertebrae in her lower back and a sore neck, she said.

Francis, who has been released from hospital and is recovering at home, said March 10 she is shocked by the entire incident.

"I haven't any idea why they would have done this. It is absolutely out of the blue. I couldn't give you a clue if my life depended on it. I'm overwhelmed and it's been very devastating," said Francis.

A school teacher in Carstairs for more than 40 years, Francis says she taught both Kenneth and Stuart Bell years ago when they were in Grade 12.

Didsbury RCMP Cpl. Conal Archer, one of two police investigators on the case, attended Wednesday's court appearance.

"The case is quite a bizarre one," said Archer.

Carstairs' Mayor Lance Colby, following the assault, says that he is quite shocked that something like this would happen in the small Town.

"To me, personally, I am shocked that this would happen," Colby said. "She is a wonderful person. She is very kind and well liked in the community."

Colby says that he believes there is still a feeling of "shock" going through the community, and he hopes Francis recovers quickly and resumes her health.

"I think everyone is just asking, 'Why would this happen?'" Colby said.

According to Archer the RCMP investigation continues.

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March 29, 2004 at 7:00pm

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2004-2005

Kindergarten Registration/Information Evening

Tuesday,
March 30th, 2004
7:00 p.m.

Ross Ford
Elementary School
Library

Children eligible for Kindergarten must be 5 years of age on or before December 31, 2004. To be eligible for *early-entry Kindergarten*, children must be 4 years of age by December 31, 2004 and be identified as mild or moderate speech or language delayed or gifted and talented. To be eligible for *Program Unit Funding (PUF)*, children must be 3 years of age by December 31, 2004 and be identified as having a severe disability in any of the following areas: speech/language; physical/medical behavior; vision or hearing.

Copies of your child(ren)'s birth certificate(s), and information on registration forms regarding street address; legal land description for rural student(s) and all pertinent medical history must be provided. Information on programming and program availability will be provided during the meeting.

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Neighborhood

Marriage on the Rock



photo by Tamara Collins

Bruce Clemenger, Evangelical Fellowship of Canada president, reads the Christian Affirmation of Marriage Statement at the end of the evening.

by Tamara Collins

On March 7 people from all over Mountain View County (MVC) came together at Zion Evangelical Missionary Church to affirm the meaning of marriage. Concerned churches from MVC sponsored the event "Marriage on the Rock: Protecting an Institution in Crisis".

The evening started at 6 p.m. with a video presentation reminding everyone why they were there. Pastor Grant Sikstrom, Zion Church, then welcomed the crowd.

"Tonight we have the opportunity to be better informed and ask the hard questions," said Sikstrom.

"By your presence here you are saying this issue matters to you, and by the end of the evening you will be inspired."

Bruce Clemenger was the evening first keynote speaker. Clemenger has served on the staff of the Evangelical Fellowship of Canada since 1992 as the director of EFC's Centre for Faith and Public Life in Ottawa since 1996, and he became president in June 2003.

According to Clemenger, there are 8.4 million households in Canada, approximately 70 percent (5.9 million) of them are rooted with the marriage between a man and a woman, 15.4 percent (1.3 million) are one parent households, 14 percent are opposite sex common-law relationships, and 0.5 percent (34,000) are same-sex couple households.

"All sides think marriage is

a good thing and fundamental to society," said Clemenger. "The issue is about the nature and structure of marriage, not about sexual orientation."

The root of marriage is one man and one woman.

Clemenger raised some benefits of marriage such as, marriages are twice as stable as common-law spouses, married people live longer, marriage is a guarantee that children will have a mother and a father, and marriage models the family form.

"Marriage is good for children," said Clemenger. "The stability of the parent's relationship affects the child's financial situation, and the child's conduct."

The problem we have is that marriage is not defined in the federal law."

The options the federal government has are to redefine marriage, have marriage and then civil unions (for same sex couples), or have civil unions only (for both opposite sex and same sex couples) and eliminate the word marriage.

"According to a survey done on 3,000 Canadians, Canadians are not quite sure what they want," said Clemenger.

"There was a strong group not quite sure, a strong group for same sex marriages, and a strong group against. When we reworded the survey we got different results."

At this point in the evening special guests MLA Richard Marz, and MP Myron Thompson were introduced.

"Over 90 percent in this con-

stituency would not be in favour of same sex marriages," said Marz.

"We will not issue a license in this province unless it is between a man and a woman, and we will use every legal means to protect this clause."

Thompson also spoke against same-sex marriages, and offered gratitude to Premier Ralph Klein for taking this stance.

"The base for the foundation of family is the joining of one man and one woman," said Thompson. "There is no need for a change."

"Out of the thousands of letters, emails, and petitions I have received, only 12 have been in favour of same-sex marriages."

The second keynote speaker of the evening was Gerald Chipeur, LL.B LL.M., who represents clients as general and project counsel.

"Many members of parliament will try to hide behind the constitution, they have to be willing to fight for the issue, not avoid it," said Chipeur. "This is about your societies and most importantly your family. Families will not survive without a base called marriage."

Chipeur's main concern over this issue was clearly the rights of children, and how children have the right to have both a father and a mother.

"I am not here to create concern unnecessarily," said Chipeur. "This is one of those battles that if God doesn't intervene there is no hope. The

way to win to is to say two simple words, the children."

The final speakers of the evening were Diane and Dale Lang. The Langs have been married for almost 32 years, and that relationship was tested after their 17 year old son was killed in the Taber school shooting in 1999.

"I believe I have learned more about myself and our marriage since the death of our son," said Diane.

The couple shares a very "intimate" relationship with God. This relationship came after they were married for six or seven years.

"I have learned and grown so much from Dale," said Diane. "Especially with the death of our son."

"A tragedy can tear a family apart or bring one together, it brought us together."

Diane went on to say that she puts Jesus before anything else, before her husband and family, and that's how she feels it should be.

"How can we love our neighbours, spouses and our lives if we don't love ourselves," said Diane. "It is important to encourage each other so our hearts don't harden."

Diane advised the audience to let Jesus be a part of every decision you make, and to let Jesus be the Lord over your marriage.

"You are a team in your marriage, you are meant to fit together, you are meant to complement each other's strengths and weaknesses," said Diane. "We need to honour God with

our marriage and with our mouths."

Diane challenged the wives to let their husbands be the head of the household, "trust the God in them" she said, and for the husbands to love their wives "like Jesus loved the church."

The focus of Dale's words was to love one another no matter what, even your enemies.

"The key to winning this battle is by loving our enemies," said Dale.

"God is going to change the face of this nation, he is going to turn this nation around. This is the time God is going to bring revival to this land."

The evening ending with a Christian Affirmation of Marriage Statement, read by Clemenger.

"We believe...

That God's intention for marriage is established throughout the scriptures of the Old and New Testaments;

That God ordained marriage as a voluntary union for life of one man and one woman;

That sexual intimacy is legitimate only within the bounds of marriage;

That Christian marriage is not simply a contract between two persons, but is a covenant ratified in the presence of God;

That in Christian marriages, the Church acts as an agent of God's blessing, as a primary witness and as a supportive community; and

That a healthy marriage is the best foundation for families and the raising of children."

NEIGHBORHOOD

AROUND THE CIRCLE

Trade Show set for April 3 & 4

by Marge St. Clair

Thurs. Mar. 18

The Didsbury and District Seniors Support Services would like to invite all seniors of the town and district to the Multi Purpose Room at the Didsbury Complex from 1:00 p.m. - 3:00 p.m. to a free "Financial Assistance Workshop", featuring a Seniors Information officer from Red Deer, Corina Cole. Refreshments will follow.

Fri. Mar. 19

Get your tickets for the Roast Beef supper at the Elks Hall sponsored by the D & D Historical Society. Drop in to Carousel Cottage or phone Penny 335-9883 or pick up tickets at the Museum or phone 335-9295. Doors open at 6:30 p.m., supper is at 7:00 p.m.

Fri. Mar. 19

The cribbage play starts at 7:00 p.m. at the 5-0 Centre. Come and play, meet new people, and have refreshments.

Sat. Mar. 20

Get your tickets now to the Annual Spring Dance at Lone Pine Hall by phoning 337-2223 or 335-9925, doors open at 8:00 p.m. Dance at 9:00 p.m. to the music of Ruth PurvesSmith & Co. and enjoy a late night lunch.

You are invited to the Didsbury Library to view an exhibition of drawings of historical artifacts and farm implements on display until April 2nd. "Doorway to the Past" includes weathered farm machinery (tractors, plows, etc.) and abandoned farmsteads.

Sat. Mar. 20

Mass will be celebrated at St. Anthony's Catholic Church at 7:00 p.m. Immediately following will be the Annual General

Meeting. Call 335-3633 for more info.

Mon. Mar. 22

St. Cyprian's A.C.W. will meet at the Anglican Church Hall at 1:30 p.m. All ladies welcome.

Please reserve your seat by phoning Bea 335-3058 or Gen 335-3449 for the Community Bus Trip to the "Passion Play" in Spruceview on Fri. April 2. The bus will leave the 5-0 Centre at 6:00 p.m.

When you have an occasion to rent the 5-0 Centre, please phone Bea Niedersteiner at 335-3058, she has all the details.

Sat. Mar. 27

St. Hilda's Chapter O.E.S. will hold the Annual Military Whist Card Party at the Masonic Hall with play starting at 7:00 p.m. Please phone Birgit at 335-3680 for tickets. All proceeds are for the Annual High School Scholarships.

The Annual general meeting of the Didsbury Curling Club is being held on Mon. Mar. 29 with a pot luck supper at 6:00 p.m., meeting at 7:00 p.m. All members invited to attend.

By the time you read this, the closing mixed bonspiel will be in full swing, with all the awards for the leagues to be presented on Saturday night after the banquet and before the dance starts at 9:00 p.m. The silent auction will conclude at 11:00 p.m.

The Didsbury Chamber of Commerce annual Trade Show will be held at the Didsbury Complex April 3 & 4. Be sure to get your booth rented by phoning Joelle, trade show chairman 335-4843. The 51st Annual Art Show will be held on Sat. Apr. 3

in the Multi Purpose Room from 1 p.m. - 6 p.m. The final date for registration is Mar. 22 with Gayle 335-3761 or Elsie 335-3867, also an exhibit by the Didsbury Porcelain Artists. New this year will be the "Volunteer Village" - 15 booths for the volunteer organizations to show their contributions to our community. A volunteer social is being held Fri. April 2 from 7 p.m. - 10 p.m. upstairs in the Curling Rink Lounge. Volunteer awards will be presented on 12:30 p.m. on Sat. April 3. There are categories of rural volunteer, family volunteer and an outstanding community members. Nominations for these awards must be in to Rhonda at the Town Office before Mar. 26.

Didsbury Ag. Society Notes

by Marge St. Clair

1. All committees need to have budgets ready for approval no later than April 30/04

2. A new printer has been purchased.

3. Mountain View livestock barns lease will expire Sept. 14/04, and then the barns must be removed.

4. A Country Guide magazine subscription for Library use was renewed.

5. Scholarships awarded must be used within the fiscal year of the Ag. Society.

6. Volunteers are needed to work at the Trade Show April 3 & 4.

7. The Announcer Booth will be painted this year, but not sided.

8. Office space is still needed.

9. Bull riding Comm. have a layout of the event and cabaret.

Bleachers?

10. The Building Comm. have been busy.

11. Bench Fair Comm. - A Fair Theme to be established as soon as possible so that the books can be printed.

12. Light Horse Comm. in action.

13. A.A.A.S. Convention - Reports were given by the attendees.

14. Children's Entertainment has been confirmed for the Fair.

15. Chamber of Commerce membership will be renewed.

16. A donation will be made to the upcoming Lions Auction.

17. Arborfest - May 30 & 31/04

18. 15 yrs. service coats were presented to four members with a huge thankyou for their contribution to the Ag. Society.

19. Next directors meeting Wed. April 7.

PUBLIC NOTICE TO ELECTORS OF
MOUNTAIN VIEW COUNTY,
PROVINCE OF ALBERTA
LOAN BYLAW NO. 05/04

SECTION 265 - THE MUNICIPAL GOVERNMENT ACT

TAKE NOTICE that the Council of Mountain View County, in the Province of Alberta, has given first reading to loan Bylaw No. 05/04 on February 25, 2004 which will, upon final passage and approval, authorize the proper officers of Mountain View County to lend monies to the Mountain View Regional Waste Management Commission to assist in the purchase of bins for rural bin pickup service.

The maximum amount of the loan is Ninety-seven Thousand, Eight Hundred Ninety-six (\$97,896) Dollars and will not exceed Mountain View County's debt limit. The minimum rate of interest on the loan to the Mountain View Regional Waste Management Commission shall be equivalent to the annual rate of interest the County earns on the previous year's long term investments. The source of the money to be loaned shall be funds in the County's Working Capital Reserve. The issuance of the loan shall be provided subject to an agreement between Mountain View County and the Mountain View Regional Waste Management Commission. The loan shall be issued in such a manner that the principal and interest will be made payable in, as nearly as possible, equal annual installments over a maximum period of six (6) years with no prepayment penalty.

NOW THEREFORE NOTICE is hereby given by the Council of Mountain View County that, unless a petition of the electors for a vote on Bylaw No. 05/04 is demanded, as provided for by the terms of Section 231 of the *Municipal Government Act*, the said Council may pass the said loan bylaw.

INFORMATION FOR ELECTORS

Anyone wishing to file a petition regarding the proposed Bylaw must do so in compliance with the requirements contained in Sections 222-226 and 231 of the *Municipal Government Act* R.S.A. 2000 c.M-26, which include (but are not limited to) the following:

The petition must be filed with the County Commissioner of Mountain View County within 15 days after the last date on which the proposed Bylaw is advertised.

DATE of the last publication of this notice is March 17, 2004.

Only electors of Mountain View County are eligible to be petitioners.

Pursuant to Section 1(i) of the *Municipal Government Act* an "elector" means:

A person who is eligible to vote in the election for a councillor under the Local Authorities Election Act.

Pursuant to section 47(1) of the Local Authorities Election Act a person is eligible to vote in an election if that person:

- (a) is at least 18 years old,
- (b) is a Canadian citizen, and
- (c) has resided in Alberta for the 6 consecutive months immediately preceding election day and is a resident in the area on election day.

The petition must be signed by electors of Mountain View County equal in number to at least 10 percent of the population.

Each page of the petition must contain an identical statement of purpose of the petition, the petitioner's given name and signature, the street address of the petitioner or the legal description of the land upon which the petitioner lives, and the date on which the petitioner signs the petition. An adult witness to the signature of each petitioner must sign opposite the petitioner's signature and swear an affidavit that the petitioner is entitled to sign a petition. The petition must also attach a signed statement of a person who states to be the representative of the petitioners and whom the municipality may direct inquiries about the petition.

GENERAL INFORMATION

All persons interested are hereby notified and they are required to govern themselves accordingly. Copies of the proposed Bylaw and related documents may be obtained during regular office hours, Monday to Friday inclusive from:

Office of the County Commissioner
County Administration Building
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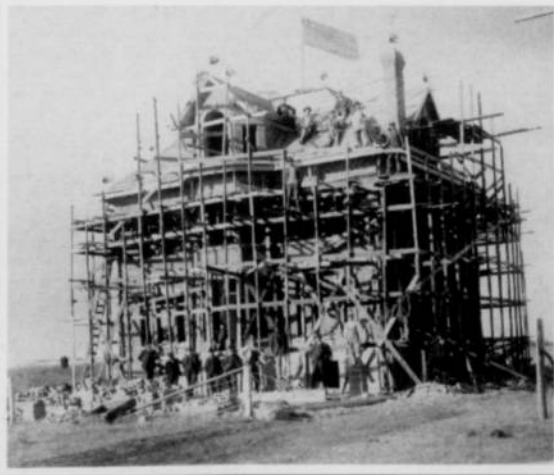
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NEIGHBORHOOD

NOTES FROM NIGERIA

A lot of tension in the area

Dear family and friends,

Here are some excerpts from my e-mails to Dan this week.

Monday March 1
There has been a lot of tension and fighting in the Shindam/Langtang area.

Here are some of the rumours I have heard - 48 people were killed in a Cocin church the Sunday before last. People were chased into another church this week and all were killed but one man. After they killed the people they set the church on fire. What is the truth in all this? I don't know but there is obviously a lot of tension in the area. Ladi's (Ladi is the lady I am teaching how to read) daughter, Hauwa, is going to school in that area and they haven't been able to get any news from here so Ladi is quite concerned.

Pray for her. First Ladi's son was hit by a car (he is doing quite well now) and now this.

Mordecai (a Nigerian friend who teaches at another school in town) came by and I had a nice visit with him. While he was here Mark (the Hillcrest PE teacher) came in with a "treat" for Jocelyn (his wife who is helping in the Library): fried grasshopper. He tried to get her to close her eyes and he was going to put it in her mouth. She didn't go for that. So Mark decided he would show her how good it was. After a few crunchy chomps he had to run out and spit it out. The look on his face and the mad dash for some water were priceless. We all had a good laugh.

I went swimming with Niki, a Greek friend, yesterday. Since I didn't have prayer meeting I took advantage of the opportunity and dropped everything and went when she

called. It was quite hot out and the water felt great. I stood in the sun awhile and talked with Niki but got too hot. The exercise was mild but it just felt good to do gentle laps with the kick board. I think the swimming is good for my shoulder as long as I am careful.

Craig Ewoldt, the bookstore manager for SIMI, led the service on Sunday and one of the songs we sang was "He is Lord". Craig sang the verses to it and we all joined in the chorus. It was really neat to hear the verses. I want to get a copy of it, and Craig has a nice voice. It was communion Sunday so didn't get home until about 11:30.

Wednesday, March 3
It has been pouring for the last 45 minutes. Lots of rain, and of course, some very wet kids. Really has cooled it off but doesn't make it very appealing for going swimming. If it is still raining and particularly if it is thundering like it is now I don't think I will go swimming.

Friday, March 5
There were basketball games tonight. The varsity boy's game was very exciting—close all the way and some good playing. It was tied at the end of the game so then went to overtime and in the end Hillcrest won by 5 points. Most of our boys played some good ball. Now the girls are playing the dads. I do want to see this game. Some of the dads haven't played in awhile. Should be fun.

The weather has been really weird. Wednesday we had monsoon rains. It just poured for about an hour. Then it cleared up and we went swimming.

Thursday was cloudy and looked like it could rain all morning but cleared up some in the afternoon - enough so the star gazing party could go

on. When I went out this morning it looked like it was foggy, but it was the harmattan back again. It is at least as dusty as the worst that we have had this year.

But it was also cloudy and windy and cold. Finally, by this afternoon the wind had stopped and it had warmed up again. Tonight it is windy and cold again. I have my library shirt and dad's jacket on with jeans and I am still cold.

Please continue to pray for Dennis Clermont. He has been in South Africa for about 2 weeks now undergoing medical tests. They still are not sure what is causing the problem but are going to start physical therapy to help him learn to compensate.

Depending on how that goes, he and May may come back to Nigeria before going to the States for more tests and treatment. If he doesn't get more mobile and stable on his feet they will just go directly home. Since they don't know how long they will need to be in the States - possibly several months - they would like to come back to Nigeria to pack up some before leaving. Pray for wisdom

for the doctor, that they can find the problem, and that they can find a treatment that will allow him to eventually be able to continue his ministry here.

In Christ,
Janet for the
SnydersDear Family and
Friends,

This time at home in Didsbury has been special. To help with Mom's move to the Lodge, my sister Judy and her husband Steve came from Seattle.

In getting things sorted, pitched, boxed for the Thrift Shop and the food bank, and Mom's place cleaned I spent more quality time with them than I have in many years.

My brother, Merv, also came from Strathmore and helped with the move. It was kind of like a working family reunion.

Mom is settled in and enjoying the Lodge. I've had some meals with her and understand why.

The meals are very good and healthy, something she was missing. Mom knows most of the

people in the Lodge which makes it nice for visiting. The facilities are top-notch and Mom has a room with a view of the new Evangelical Missionary Church and the val-

ley.

Something she is very happy about after living on the north side of the Kinsman Manor is that she can now see the sun.

see SNYDERS Page15

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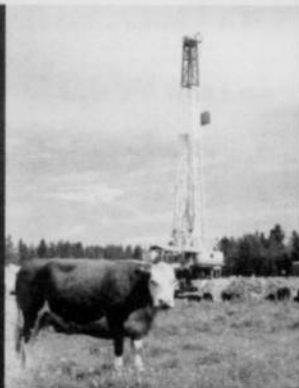
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If you have a question or a concern about energy development in your community, contact your local EUB Field Centre and ask for the document *Proposed Oil and Gas Development: A Landowner's Guide*. It is also available on the EUB Web Site at www.eub.gov.ab.ca/BBS/public/EnerFAQs/EnerFAQs8.htm

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NEIGHBORHOOD

Trade Show a hit with local businesses

by Tamara Collins

The Annual Didsbury Trade Show will take place this year on April 3rd and 4th at the Memorial Complex. Even with the BSE problems still in Alberta, this year the booths are selling faster than ever before.

"I don't know of a better Trade Show between Calgary and Alberta," said Dan Peters, Fitness FX and Remax. "It is very well organized, well advertised, and it brings in a ton of people from out of town."

Peters has had a booth in the Trade Show for the past seven years.

This year he will have two booths, one for Fitness FX and one for Remax.

"It brings in great exposure to the community," said Peters. "I have a large percent of clients from Calgary and a lot of them I met through the Trade Show."

Don's World of Travel has had a booth in the Trade Show since it first began.

"It is a great place to meet with clients and friends, and meet future clients," said Linda Vernon-Third, of Don's World Travel. "It is a good venue to introduce yourself and your business to new people."

This year each booth registrant will be entered into a draw for a chance to win \$50 off a booth rental at next year's Trade Show.

"This event comes together as a very good marketing venue," said Vernon-Third. "There is lots of exposure for Didsbury and surrounding area."

The cost of renting a booth is \$300, and \$250 if you are a Chamber member. This includes a 10' by 10' curtained area, skirted table, two chairs, 110 volt power source and two exhibitor passes.

"The first year I was in the Trade Show I booked enough work for the entire year," said Gerard Fournier, For Trees Co. "I always get a sizeable percent of my work from the Trade Show."

Fournier has had a booth in the Trade Show for the past four years.

"It is an excellent exposure for businesses," said Fournier.

This year the For Trees booth will feature a pondless waterfall.

"The hottest thing in landscaping right now are water features," said Fournier. "A lot of people want a waterfall but don't want the pond, that is what we will have."

The show will run from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. on the Saturday and noon to 5 p.m. on the Sunday.

If you wish to rent a booth you can call the Trade Show at 335-4843.

"I encourage all Didsbury businesses to get involved," said Vernon-Third. "I would also like to thank all the volunteers that help put this together."

Disappointing end to a great season for the Midget A Revolts



Back row: Charles Weber, Jackson Meston, Ron Doiron, Kris Jackson, John Arbuckle, Garrett Wenckowski, Brenden Meston, Chris Gole, Brad Edwards, Will Harvie, Jason Switzer.

Front Row: Jeff Clazie, Cordell Christensen, Boyd Wolf, Brett Fillmore, Kelly Meston, Cory Shields, Jess Trenholm, Cody Edwards, Matt Collinge

It was all over for the Midget Revolts the week-end of March 5 and 6th. After having a great season, despite injuries

plaguing the team, the team lost out in provincial and league playoffs.

The team lost out to Duchess in the last round

of provincial games. They had easily won the first three rounds against Kneehill, Cremona and Hanna and if they had

won against Duchess they would have gone on to the provincial tournament.

In league play, the team finished the season with more wins than any other team and had beat out Airdrie in the first round of playoffs. In the second round they went up against Stoney. Going into the second game, Didsbury was up three goals. Stoney came out flying and in an exciting over-time period Stoney came out the victors 14-10.

The team would like to thank members of the Midget Raiders for playing with them during the year, especially Mitch McKetiak, Tyler Owen and Jeff Kerr. Also a special thank-you to the dedicated coaching staff, managers and fans.

The team is finishing off the year by going to a tournament at the end of March, in Great Falls. Good luck team and thanks for an exciting year!

What employers need to know about Alberta's new workplace safety rules.

Alberta is taking action to ensure all workplaces are safe. Our latest step is the adoption of a new *Occupational Health and Safety (OHS) Code*.

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Failure to comply can result in fines up to \$500,000 and a six-month imprisonment.

To obtain your copy of the new OHS Code for \$64.95 + GST, contact the Queen's Printer:

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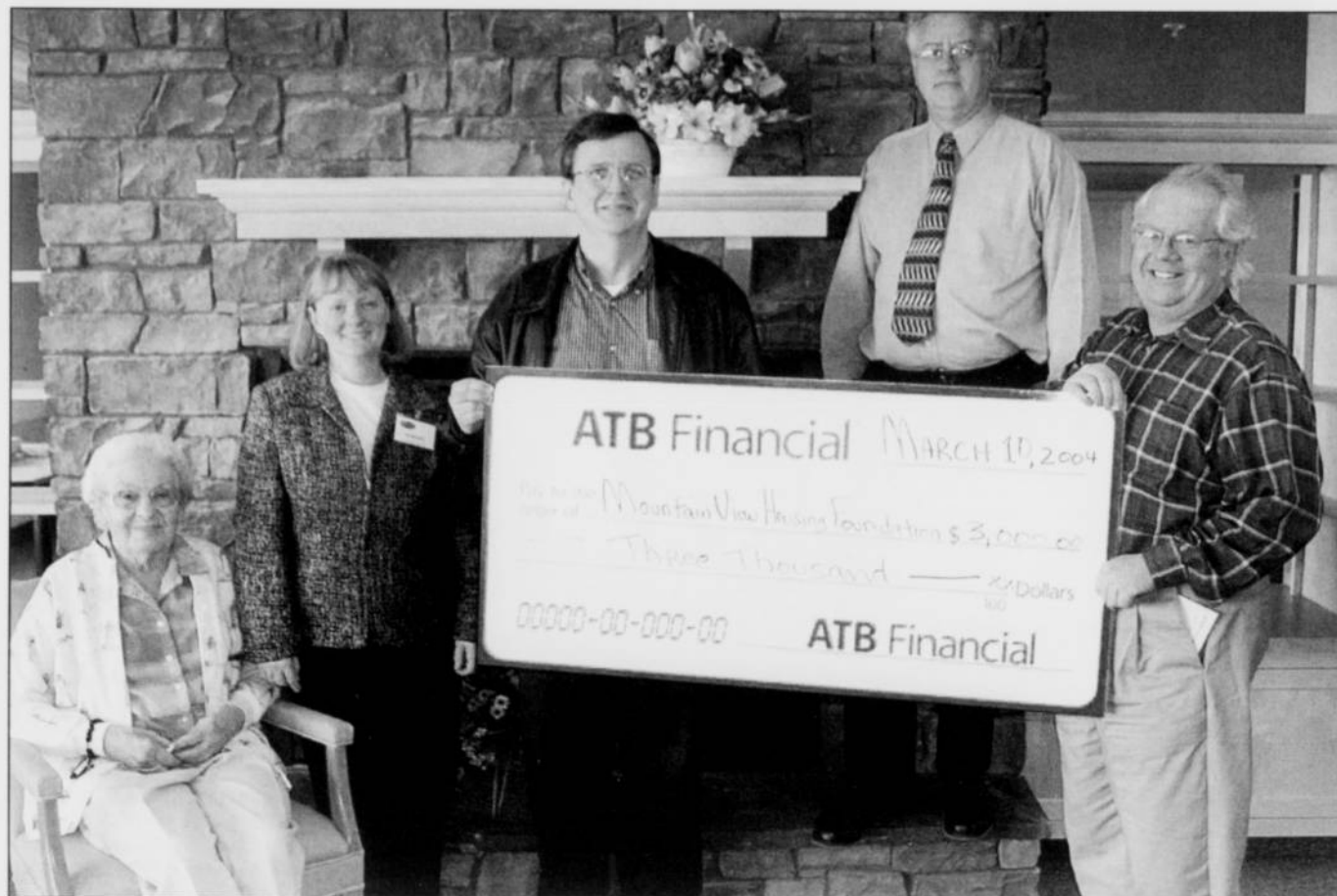
through medical practice, teaching other health professionals, conducting research and/or volunteering in the community.

This award will be presented by the Alberta Rural Physician Action Plan (RPAP).



Deadline for Nominations is Wednesday, March 31, 2004

For nomination information, call toll free 1-866-423-9911 or check the RPAP web page at www.rpap.ab.ca



ATB helping Lodge

Photo by Dale McRae

(L-R) Elizabeth Heyer a Lodge resident, Doreen Wilson, CAO of Mountain View Seniors Housing, Francis Kinderwater of ATB Financial, Lee Hunter, bank manager of ATB Financial, Chris Whittaker, Chairman of the Mountain View Housing Foundation. This cheque for \$3000.00 will go towards making the Aspen Ridge Lodge feel more like a home for the seniors that live there.



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Routine immunizations are often considered what we have as children. Alberta Health and Wellness determines the foundations of our immunizations. If you have had your childhood series all you may need is a booster of tetanus and diphtheria.

Recommended vaccines are given depending on your type of travel, length of stay and risk of contact with certain diseases during your travel. Your Public Health Nurse will determine your vaccination needs based on this information.

Certain immunizations are determined by international health regulations and are required to enter a country (e.g., yellow fever). If you cannot provide proof of these required immunizations upon arrival, you will not be allowed into the country. What a disappointment that would be!

It takes time to complete a travel immunization program. Your best plan is to book your travel consult three months before your departure date. Some vaccines are only given in specially licensed clinics, plan well ahead! Depending on the vaccine you require, there may be a charge. An administration fee is charged for all travel consults.

Didsbury Health Unit is currently offering two travel clinics per month, for further information or if you have any questions please contact us at 335-7292.

BSE *continued from Page 4*

Although there's no plausible scientific reason for the Bush administration to continue to exclude our live cattle of any age, it is true that most American cattle producers favour an extended ban. In an election year, that seems to be a major factor in dragging this out.

The AAMD&C will be making a second submission to the USDA now that they have opened a second comment period on their proposed regulation to allow the import of live Canadian cattle less than 30 months old and boxed beef from cattle of any age.

In a nutshell, we'll urge the U.S. government to back their words on the need to deal with BSE on the basis of science with actions. That may become easier now that Mexico has reopened its borders to boneless cuts from U.S. animals less than 30 months old.

On the provincial front, we're closely monitoring the impact BSE is having on our members' ability to collect revenues - in the full knowledge that the worst may be yet to come.

An indication of our members' concern about the economic well-being of their ratepayers has been a deci-

sion by a number of councils to postpone their tax collection deadlines or reduce penalties for late payment, hold the line on tax increases, or even refund a portion of revenues collected from local livestock producers, as one county has chosen to do.

More than half of our member municipalities have now declared an economic disaster due to BSE, and they've been pro-active in other ways, too. A number of councils are supporting the construction of a beef processing facility in their area, while most have organized pro-beef campaigns, rallies and information meetings.

Through resolutions and letters, our members have also provided valuable input to this association and the provincial and federal gov-

ernment on various aspects of the BSE issue, including testing and assistance to producers.

Just as it's tough for our cattle producers to have a solid business plan when there's so much uncertainty about the future, it's sometimes hard to figure out the right lobby strategy when programs and new regulations are being launched at a break-neck pace, when new cases of BSE are discovered, and when most of the key decision makers are in foreign countries.

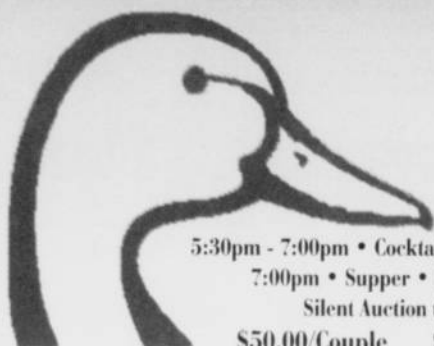
On the bright side, the AAMD&C knows it can draw on the strength of our member municipalities and all rural Albertans, and that our province, the federal government and the cattle industry are working very hard for a resolution to this crisis.

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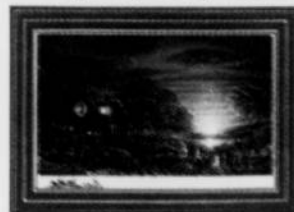
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RCMP requesting recruitment



Didsbury Sgt. Tonn

by Carla Victor and
Tamara Collins

Projected shortages of regular RCMP members have local officers beating the bushes for more than law breakers. Front line members have been asked to identify anyone in their community who might fit the bill of an RCMP officer.

With the average age of RCMP members being 40.8 years old and baby boomer members coming to retirement age, attrition will be at record-breaking highs in the next three to five years.

"We have reached the stage in all professions," said Didsbury Sgt. Tonn.

"Baby boomers are hitting the wall and all these positions are opening up."

Currently Alberta is about 100 regular members short and is expecting to lose 100 more members per year in attrition.

"At one point we were really tight," said Tonn. "It was very tough to get in. This is an excellent time to join."

Cpl. Dan Magotiaux is in charge of recruiting for Alberta. He said the RCMP are emphasizing to detachments and members to be aware of the organization's recruitment needs and make sure members are passing along correct messages of what

requirements are for becoming a RCMP member.

He said right now Alberta is being asked to provide 169 cadets to the national training depot in Regina, Saskatchewan.

Normally 800 cadets go to depot annually, with projected attrition, depot is expected to accept up to 1,200 cadets, said Magotiaux. If needed they can accommodate up to 1,500 cadets.

"It will be a lot of work, but we will be able to get it done," said Magotiaux.

Nationally, the RCMP workforce is 24,000 strong, including 16,000 regular

policing members. To apply as a regular member one must be 18 years of age; be a Canadian citizen; be of good character; have successfully completed high school or equivalent; and be proficient in either French or English.

No longer are cadets expected to be proficient in both official languages or have an university degree.

To become a regular RCMP member you must be 19 years old; possess a valid Canadian driver's licence; pass the RCMP aptitude test; and meet physical and medical requirements.

"We are encouraging anyone interested to come forward," said Tonn. "This is not a job, this is a career. We want people with common sense, and the ability to talk to and deal with people."

Tonn believes that joining the force is not all black and white, but that there is a lot of grey area to cover as well.

If you are interested in joining the RCMP, visit their official Web Site at www.rcmp-grc.gc.ca or contact recruiting offices in Edmonton (780) 412-5488 or Calgary (403) 292 8703.

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Museum hosts Roast Beef Friday



Penny Lind

Mom gets the night off this Friday, March 19th, thanks to a special **Spring Roast Beef Dinner** being hosted by the Didsbury and District Historical Society.

The special fundraising event is being held at 6:30 pm at the Elks Hall (dinner starts at 7:00 pm) and includes homemade pie for dessert.

Money raised from the Dinner will be directed towards the day to day operating costs of running the Museum - an expense Director Penny Lind says is unfortunately often a burden on the Society. "Everything costs money to operate and we

need this money just to stay afloat operationally," says Lind. "...some of it may also be used for displays as well."

Organizers hope to attract at least 150 hungry patrons to their Dinner allowing them to reap most of the revenue towards the Museum.

"All the members are pulling together and doing whatever they can towards seeing this event be a success," says Lind. "Any pies that we make that are left over at the end of the evening are going to be raffled off."

Future fundraising events for the Didsbury and District

Historical Society may include an Old Fashioned Picnic sometime in June or July (date is yet to be confirmed) and, perhaps, a plant sale this spring. "We are looking at ways to promote inexpensive family fun," says Lind.

Anyone wishing to purchase tickets for the Roast Beef Dinner can do so by calling Penny Lind at 335-9883 (work) or 335-4372 (home) or Willard Stauffer at 335-3715.

Tickets are just \$10.00 for adults, \$5.00 for children 12 years and under and/or \$30.00 per family. Children under four-years-old are free.

Scouting Group organize Dinner Theatre

You don't have to travel to the big city to be treated to a night out on the town.

Saturday, April 17th the First Didsbury Scouting Groups would like to invite you to the Theatre Didsbury production of "Happy Birthday" at the Elks Hall right here in town.

Happy Birthday is a comedy by Marc Camoletti under the direction of Tony Sylvestre starring such local talent as Derek Lewis, Rick Phillips, Sheena Pearson, Shawna Traub and Angela Haskett.

Haskett, who plays the role

of Bridgett #2 in the production, also helped organize the event on behalf of the Scouting Group as part of her role as Cub Leader and Treasurer. "But," she insists. "...I'm not the only one working on this. There will also be Leaders doing the Roast Beef Dinner and helping sell tickets for the event."

Money raised for the Dinner Theatre, Haskett explains, is desperately needed by the Scouting Groups to help pay for their rent at the Train Station where they hold their weekly sessions. "We are hop-

ing to sell at least 100 tickets out of the 160 that we have available. We are pretty much just supported by whatever we get out of our bottle drives throughout the year and activities like this..."

"Happy Birthday" will take place at the Elks Hall Saturday, April 17th. Cocktails begin at 6:00 pm, Dinner at 7:00 pm and the performance at 8:00 pm. Tickets cost \$25.00 each and are available by calling Angela Haskett at 335-1901, Lynn Samoisette at 335-9122, Joe Saad at 507-3186, or Yvonne Procter at 556-3606.



Angela Haskett

51st Annual Art Show not just for adults



Cindy Mawle

Young artisans in and around Didsbury have only until **March 22nd** to submit their best work in the upcoming **Annual Art Show**. The event runs on Saturday, April 3rd, from 1:00 pm - 6:00 pm in conjunction with the Didsbury Trade Show.

Co-organizer and Artist, Cindy Mawle, says the Judges section of the show is for the Juniors, Section 1 is for 10-years-old and under, Section 2 is for 11-14-years-old and Section 3 is for youth aged 15-18 years-old.

Mawle believes having youngsters participate in Art Shows such as this can prove to be a very valuable learning tool.

"Having your work displayed and viewed helps to increase pride in workmanship and can be very uplifting," says Mawle.

"We had a really good variety of work set out at the show last year and are looking forward to seeing even more submitted this year."

Entrants to the Art Show can be from Didsbury or the outlying areas. Categories are as follows:

1. Black and white drawings, pencil, charcoal and pen and ink
2. Coloured pencil
3. Water Colour
4. Pastels
5. Oils and Acrylic
6. Mixed Media

7. Scratchboard

"Ribbons are given for 1st, 2nd and 3rd place and Merit with a cash prize for 'Best of Show'," explains Mawle.

Entry fees are just \$1.00 per entry with a limit of three entries per person.

"Judges will be looking for uniqueness, style, work involved, and knowledge of medium," says Mawle.

Deadline for submission of entries is Monday, March 22nd. All artwork must be framed or shrink-wrapped (except for oils or acrylics) to qualify.

Anyone requiring more information on how to prepare their work for the show, please call Cindy Mawle at 335-2020 or 335-2356.



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SNYDERS *continued from Page 9*

Sometimes we don't realize what we are missing until we get it back.

The weather has been most unusual for this time of year in Alberta. I came expecting the worst, snow drifts, 30 below, and blizzards. Instead it was 50 above when I landed and it has been very mild almost the whole time. The day we actually moved Mom into the Lodge it was cold but not snowing.

It was so nice to have someone from the EMC come with his trailer and help with the move.

Without that help, I don't know what we would have done. Thanks, Ron.

It has also been so good to renew friendships with several people that I haven't seen for a while.

People are really important but sometimes, in the busyness of life, we lose sight of that.

Because I'm on 'vacation', I have time to visit which has been really good.

Some other special times while I've been here include meeting with former missionaries to Nigeria for a regular prayer time (they still carry on their ministry!), watching a hockey game in Olds (haven't actually been to one for several years), working on our address book on the Internet while I have high-speed access—hopefully we won't lose our ad-

resses yet again!!

Also, it has been helpful to be here to get some affairs in order. It was a bit disconcerting to be threatened with a lawsuit, but that situation seems to have resolved itself.

I've mentioned to several that Didsbury is special. Janet has expressed her amazement at how many friends I have from high school and college days, many of them still living in the Didsbury area.

Janet's Mom was surprised at how much Didsbury residents care about their town and how they treat each other kindly.

This is something that can be taken for granted, but it is not the norm. I'm very grateful to have a place like Didsbury to live, when I'm home.

Next Sunday morning I'll get on a plane and head back to Nigeria. I should be in Abuja by about noon on Monday, Alberta

time—8 p.m. Nigerian time. It looks like the Baptist driver will meet me and we'll spend the night in Abuja (someplace, we need to make reservations yet). The next morning we should probably leave early and be back in Jos before noon, local time. It will be good to see Janet again after four weeks. We're going to have to stop taking separate vacations!!

We should be back in North America next August for a six-month 'Home Ministry Assignment', the politically correct version of 'furlough'. The plan is to not return to Nigeria but to move to Hungary for ministry with Share Education Services.

Thanks so much to all of you. We feel special because of your interest, prayers, and support.

May God richly bless you.

In Christ,
Dan for the Snyders

Computer Courses @ your library are still available

There are still spaces available at all the courses being offered at the Didsbury Library. Computing for the Petri-fied will start on March 15th, rather than the 1st as originally planned, to allow more people to sign up.

This is a free course, sponsored by Bow Valley College and led by Rebecca Still of Mountain View Family Literacy. It consists of 8 sessions, each on Monday mornings, that are designed for the novice.

If someone gave you their old computer and you are not sure what to do with it at all - this course is for you! Those of you who want to learn more about specific things, like how to use Windows XP or Effective Emailing or surfing the Internet and more will be interested in a series of 2-hour evening workshops on Monday and Tuesday, starting March 15.

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For a copy of the awards criteria and nomination forms, contact the nearest AADAC Office or go online at <http://corp.aadac.com/tobacco/index.asp>.

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Cremona Lions Special Report

by Charlie Bird and Ken Naidoo

Cremona Lions Volunteer Scholarship: 2004.

This is the third year that this scholarship is being offered.

The winner for 2002 was Tom Richmond, and for 2003, Joel Hibbard. Both, at the time of their application, were residents of the area served by the Cremona Lions.

Here are some details regarding the scholarship:

The scholarship was started to celebrate the 75th anniversary of M.D. 37 Lions Clubs in 2001.

To recognize this occasion, the Cremona Lions will offer the 'Lions Legacy Scholarship' worth \$500 to a Grade 12 student in the area served by the Cremona Lions. "The student must demonstrate a spirit of volunteerism for their school and community.

Recipients will live lives

that reflect the character and philosophy that the Lions are known for - a life dedicated to volunteerism for humanitarian causes locally and worldwide, and a commitment to helping those in need wherever need exists."

Criteria for the Scholarship:

To be eligible for this scholarship, applicants must:

1. Reside in the area served by the Cremona Lions.

2. Graduate from Grade 12 in the current school year.

3. Have received, or be eligible to receive, a valid High School Diploma.

4. Have been accepted in an accredited post secondary institution in Canada on a full time basis.

5. Submit the following items to the Cremona Lions Club Scholarship Committee by June 1, 2004:

*Application form (avail-

able from Cremona School, or the Cremona Lions Club)

*Copy of transcripts of High School marks.

*Copy of the confirmation of acceptance to the institution in which the student enrolled.

*Two letters of reference, one from the School Principal (or his designate), and one from a Community leader.

*A one page letter (self-written) exhibiting their volunteerism in the community, and expressing why they should receive this award.

6. Provide confirmation of enrolment in the educational institution prior to receiving payment of the scholarship.

Failure to enrol in the course of studies or institution identified on the application form may result in the forfeiture of the award, in which case the committee may make the award available to another candidate.

BANCROFT W.I.

Guest speaker encourages recycling

by Eva Page

Six members & 3 visitors met at the home of Jean McCulloch on March 8/04 at 1:30 p.m. The song chosen was "The More We Get Together" followed by our creed & flag salute.

The Roll Call was our worst handicraft. Samples of quilt blocks were brought by member Pat van Tetering. We will make one for each member. Jean McCulloch offered to applique them.

We planned our husbands supper for March 28 at Dragon Palace, Didsbury at 1 p.m. Our last card party will be on March 12th, at Midway School. We will try to find out how many years we have hosted these - a long time - at least 30 years - HISTORY!!

Report was given on the Executive meeting & we planned for the Constituency Conference March 31 & April 1st.

Jean Foat, our Constituency Convenor, gave her report. We have 7 new members in District 5. Mini pockets from crocheted sqs. for A.W.I. were oked by Joan. We have a new editor for "Home & Country".

Kathy McCulloch spoke on "Environmental Farm Plans" Lone Pine Ag. Society sponsored a workshop on this & 12 area farmers took the course in which one reviews your own operation as to where your wells, fuel, corrals & houses are located & make plans for improvements. She encouraged us to Reduce, Reuse & Recycle, use phosphate free cleaners & more lemon juice, soda & vinegar for cleaning.

PUBLIC NOTICE TOWN OF DIDSBURY LAND USE BY-LAW 00-08

Notice is hereby given that the Town Council of Didsbury has passed first reading of a By-law to amend the present Land Use By-law 00-08 Map Schedule A as follows:

- 1) That portion of land known as:
15 +/- acres in the NW corner of the
SE ¼ Section 18, Township 31, Range 1, W5M
be redesignated from the present UR (Urban Reserve) to IS
(Institutional) as per the attached map

The purpose of the amendment is to allow for a school use.

A public hearing prior to second and third reading of the proposed By-law will be held April 1, 2004, commencing at 6:00 p.m. at the Didsbury Train Station, 1811 - 20 Street.

The hearing will be conducted under the chairmanship of the Mayor, or her designated person, for the purpose of hearing opinions and comments and/or objections to the proposed By-law.

The style of the hearing will be informal and persons wishing to speak will be requested to state their name and address for the record upon being recognized by the Chairman. Opportunities to speak will not be restricted, but recognition to speak will be at the discretion of the Chairman. Written responses will also be accepted up until 12:00 noon April 1, 2004.

The public may inspect a copy of the proposed Land Use By-law amendments at the Town of Didsbury Municipal Office, 2038-19 Avenue, during regular office hours 8:30 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. and 1:00 p.m. to 4:30 p.m., Monday through Friday.

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Robert Wigg
Planning and Development Officer

PUBLIC NOTICE TOWN OF DIDSBURY AMENDMENTS TO MUNICIPAL DEVELOPMENT PLAN BY-LAW 98-08

Notice is hereby given that the Town Council of Didsbury has passed first reading of a By-law to amend the present Municipal Development Plan By-law 98-08 as follows:

- 1) That portion of land known as:
The 15 +/- acres in the NW corner of the
SE ¼ Section 18, Township 31, Range 1, W5M

The purpose of the amendment is to amend the present Land Use Concept Map A from R (Residential) to RI (Recreational/Institutional/Public Facilities) to be in line with a proposed Land Use By-law amendment. The proposed amendments are to allow for a school use.

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NEIGHBORHOOD

Addressing concerns

by Dorothy Moore

You may have noticed some activity around the building at the corner of Main Street and 21 Avenue that is usually called the Nolin building. The rubble has been cleared away and the concrete floor was cored.

This week the drilling equipment came to drill test holes in various locations inside the building where the coring was done. When we did the earlier outside remediation we concentrated on areas that were under the jurisdiction of the Town outside the building. We did not own the building when we started the cleanup under the provincial guidelines and with provincial funding.

The Town of Didsbury does now own the building, but we are required to ensure that the site is clean before we sell it.

The building had been offered for sale several times, and has had a sale which later fell through.

There was a public auction a year or two ago.

We will soon have test results that will dictate whether or not the building needs to be removed to access any remaining concerns. The Town of Didsbury expects to sell the property once the process is complete.

Right now we are not sure whether we have a building to sell, or to demolish. Watch that space—there should be some action!

On another issue, I have been hearing a lot of complaints about dogs and cats. Please be a good neighbour. If you have a pet it should not negatively impact your neighbours. That means noise, trespassing, running at large, doggie or cat doo or anything that intrudes on others' property or senses.

If you cannot keep your pet quiet and at home when not on a leash, you should not have one. Please be a responsible pet owner.

Regarding snow removal: We have a policy that lists the roads in priority sequence for snow removal.

The main arteries are done first. Collector roads are next, and so on. Edmonton, with considerably more snow than we have, has not cleaned

streets in residential areas at all. Calgary made an adjustment to their policy of not cleaning residential streets, doing them once after the largest snowfall this winter.

As I detailed in a previous article, Didsbury has less than \$300, of

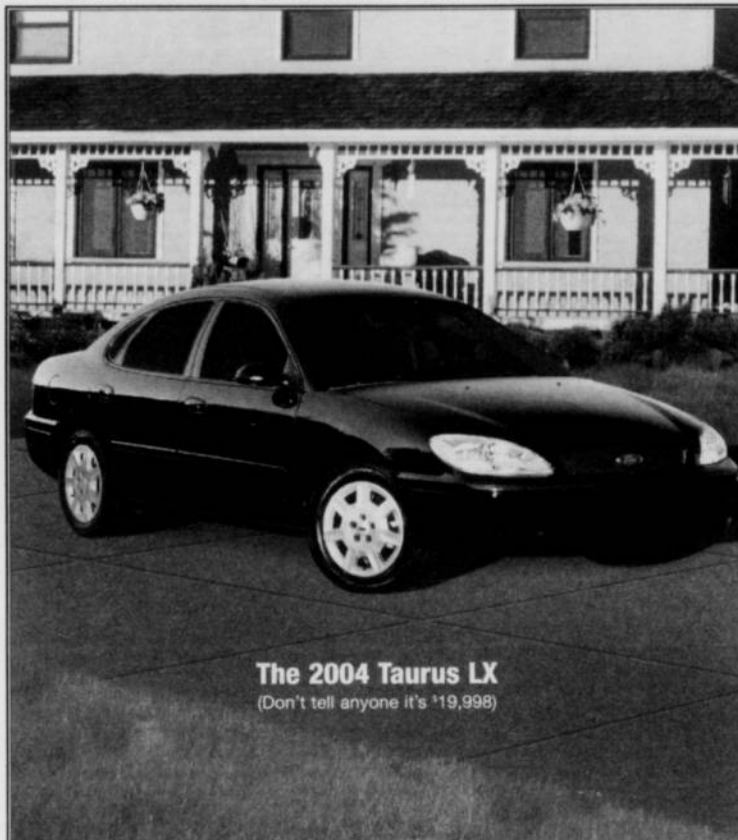
an \$1800, tax bill left to do all of public works, Council, legislative, and all discretionary spending.

In spite of extremely limited resources, Didsbury public works has cleaned residential streets. We provide the same services to resi-

dents with very little in population and assessment to pay the bills. Please be reasonable in your expectations of the Town. As a matter of fact, you could help us by complaining to the government of Alberta about the \$951,528.45 that

they took from Didsbury property taxes last year. We expect that number will be well over a million dollars this year, in spite of Steve West's commitment in 2001 that education taxes from property would be capped at \$1.2 billion.

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NEIGHBORHOOD

Focus on
the Family

QUESTION: You have talked about how Barbie dolls place undue emphasis on clothing, possession and appearance. Barbie isn't the only example of this adolescent influence in our culture, is it?

DR. DOBSON: No, our children are saturated with commercial stuff that has the same impact. More and more, we see adolescent clothes, attitudes and values being marketed to younger and younger children. And rock and rap music, with adolescent and adult themes, is finding eager listeners among the very young.

I believe it is desirable to postpone the adolescent experience until it is summoned by your child's happy hormones. Therefore, I strongly recommend that parents screen the influences to which their children are exposed, keeping activities appropriate for each age. While we can't isolate our kids from the world as it is, we don't have to turn our babies into teenyboppers.

QUESTION: Talk about a father's impact on his daughter and what he should hope to accomplish through that relationship.

DR. DOBSON: Fathers have an incalculable impact on their daughters. Most psychologists believe, and I am one of them, that all future romantic relationships that occur in a girl's life will be influenced positively or negatively by the way she perceives and interacts with her dad.

If he rejects and ignores her, she will spend her life trying to replace him in her heart. If he is warm and nurturing, she will look for a lover to equal him. If he thinks she is beautiful, worthy and feminine, she will be inclined to see herself that way. But if he thinks she is unattractive and uninteresting, she is likely to carry self-esteem problems into her adult years.

I have also observed that a woman's respect for her husband is significantly influenced by the way she perceived her father. If he was overbearing, uncaring or capricious during her developmental years, she may disrespect her husband and question his judgment. But if Dad blended love and leadership in a way that conveyed strength, she will be more likely to live harmoniously with her husband.

These tendencies and trends are not absolute, of course. Individual differences can always produce exceptions and contradictions. But this statement will be hard to refute: A good father will leave his imprint on his daughter for the rest of her life.

QUESTION: My children are still young and they are doing fine now, but I worry a lot about the adolescent years that loom ahead. I've seen other parents go through some pretty terrible things when their teenagers began to rebel. How can I help my sons avoid that turmoil 10 years from now?

DR. DOBSON: The apprehension that you describe is well-founded, and many parents feel something similar today. The most important suggestion I can make is for you to redouble your efforts to build good relationships with your kids while they are young. That is the key to surviving the adolescent years. If they emerge from childhood with doubts about whether you really love and care for them, anything is possible during the turbulent teens. Boundaries, restrictions and threats will be no match for adolescent anger, frustration and resentment.

As author Josh McDowell said, "Rules without relationship leads to rebellion." He is right. That's why parents can't afford to get preoccupied with business and other pursuits that interfere with the task of raising children. Kids are young for such a brief period. During that short window, they must be given priority.

Once you've done what you can to lay the proper foundation, I urge you to approach your parenting duties with confidence. Anxiety about the future is risky in itself. It can make parents tentative and insecure in dealing with their youngsters. They don't dare cross them or deny their wishes for fear of being hated in the teen years. Teenagers pick up those vibes intuitively, which often generates disrespect in return. Don't make that mistake. You have been placed in a position of authority over your young children. Lead them with confidence and care.

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This is certainly an opinion of a few including the proponents of the theory, that once elected to a municipal office, you become an expert on all matters and are infallible.

Obviously there has to be some things that have been positive accomplishments by the current County Council. I cannot begin to enumerate all of them.

Councils have to be seen as doing something creative or otherwise they would be seen to be no more than custodians of the public purse and that is mainly what the Administrative staff is hired to do.

With regards to the "proposed" new administration building, surely Mr. Jarand must be aware of that continuing "disruptive" saga. He must be aware of the question on the ballot at the last election and the "non-binding" results of that ballot and of the findings of the "ad hoc" building committee that was struck after the County refused to accept the results of the ballot. He must also be aware of the County's public relations fiasco that attempted to convince the electorate that a new building was required, in spite of the committee's findings. He may not be aware that the County discounted some of the responses to the questionnaire. The County then announced that the "survey" showed that the "majority" of respondents wanted a new building. The question was slanted and the resulting "sample" had insufficient numbers to meet any statistical validity test.

Here is a parable for you to consider. I was employed for eight years in a major Canadian telecommunications company during which time we had three new chief operating officers. After each of these new appointments came a new bigger

and better head office building. There seems to have been a propensity among those senior officials to leave a legacy to succeeding employees and shareholders. I wonder what is driving the need for this new County building.

On this issue, are the "Councilors and Administration" trying to do the best for the residents of this great

County?"

MVTA says a new administrative building is an unnecessary expenditure of taxpayers money.

The financial surpluses that exist in the County can be better used to improve services and infrastructure.

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www.knox-united.com

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For more information ph: 335-4451

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This Sunday

Sports



Provincial Silver medalists

The Didsbury Atom A Rebels returned from Provincials in Thorsby this past weekend as Silver Medalists. After winning the zone six championship two years in a row, this team knew what was needed to get to the finals.

Action began Friday afternoon with the first game of round robin play against Rimbey, ending with a 5-5 tie. Rimbey lead the play for the first half, but Didsbury found their skating legs and came out hard for the final half.

Saturday's game against New Sarepta was all Didsbury, beating New Sarepta 20 to 4. Game three on Saturday was against Bon Accord (CNN) with Didsbury coming out strong again. The Rebels battled hard in the corners against a tough team, and our defensive took away the opposition's scoring chances. The game ended 9-2 for Didsbury.

When the math was done, the four teams that qualified for the semi-finals all had the same records - 2 wins and a tie. Using a goals for/against formula Didsbury ended up in first place in their division and would cross over to the other division to play the second place Lomond in Sunday's semi-finals. The Rebels started out slow, but took control of the game in the second period. The power play was a determining factor in the flow of the game, with a final score of 6 to 4 for Didsbury

sending them to the gold medal game later that afternoon.

With the loudest and most decorated fans of the weekend cheering them on, the Rebels came out hard against the Rimbey Renegades. The boys gave it all they had left, battling hard and fast. The score at the end of the second period was 2 - 0 for Rimbey. The coaches hoped for a strong third period from the Rebels, but it was Rimbey that came out on top.

Following the medal presentations from Hockey Alberta, Coach Don Edwards, Mark Fleming and Steve Robertson reminded the boys that they had just experienced something special they will always remember and that they should wear their silver medals with pride - they had worked very hard to get them.

Points for the weekend were as follows: Jason Edwards (23), James Lefebvre (16), Evan Thompson (14), Cris Wood (13), Zac Fleming, Chris Wood & Travis Smith each with 6, Overwater (5), Redman (4) and Robertson (1). Goalie Jordan Kerr had a strong weekend in net.

Before leaving for Thorsby, the Atom A Rebels had captured their league championship banner over Strathmore and will now cross over to play Claresholm from the other division for the overall league championship. Good Luck Rebels!

Didsbury Stick Curling League

by Garry & Marge

The Season is over for the 22 teams who participated much to the dismay of all. Those members really enjoyed it and are already talking of "next year".

And the results were:

A Group

1. Bob Green (Carstairs)
2. Bert Doering - Max Jahn - Didsbury
- Consolation Wendy MacKenzie - Jackie Leitch

B Group

1. Adolph Wolkoski - Lloyd Devine - Didsbury
2. Dave Campbell - Leo O'Rourke - Olds
- Consolation Alex Bateman - Rheo Chevtchank - Olds

Christine Luedke's physical attributes are a double-edged sword

by Carla Victor

Her 6'1" frame, long arms and amazing flexibility make Christine, 18, a natural basketball player. Ironically, these sought after qualities are also symptoms of a rare disease that could make her dreams to play in the WNBA unattainable.

Christine, the 2004 Mountain View County all-star basketball MVP, has Marfan's Syndrome, a connective-tissue disorder that affects the skeletal and cardiovascular systems, eyes and skin.

Since this disease commonly affects tall, slender people who have more elasticity in their bodies, it can also cause the aortic valve, which feeds the heart, to stretch and weaken.

In Christine's case, a blow to the chest could kill her instantly.

Needless to say, at the level she plays, Christine takes her life in her hands every time she steps on the court.

So why does she play?

Because, (in her own words) "I don't want to live without basketball."

It has always been her dream. Christine, like her father, grew up loving the game.

Nagging injuries (unknownst to Christine and her family, were the first signs of Marfan's Syndrome) prevented her from joining a team until Grade 8.

All through Grade 7 Christine experienced problems with her feet. A specialist at Alberta Children's Hospital suggested surgery. Each foot, one at a time, was operated on and put into a cast for two months.

When she was finally able to join a league it wasn't long before coaches noticed her.

"Even before joining a team Christine attracted the attention of coaches because of her height. As soon as she grabbed a basketball they really started to notice her," remembers Christine's mother, Liz deGoesbriand.

By Grade 9 Christine was finally able to give it her all and she played hard with the Hugh Sutherland Jr. team.

Another crushing blow was delivered when Christine's leg was broken during a game. Once again her season ended early.

"Basketball is a rough sport, part of what makes it so interesting," she said with an indifferent

shrug.

Finally, Grade 10 allowed this star athlete to really shine.

Christine played with her school team and in a Calgary league. She practiced with the U of C Dinos and received one-on-one training from their assistant coach.

Grade 11 saw her game really grow. Awards, trophies and MVPs began to pile up.

Another injury to Christine's back sent the then 16-year-old, back to the Children's Hospital.

"I was having back problems (scoliosis is another symptom of Marfan's Syndrome), I couldn't even move I was so injured," said Christine.

Doctors saw more than a back injury. At first they suspected Lupus, blood test showed weak positive signs for this auto-immune disease.

Christine was sent to a rheumatoid arthritis specialist to learn how to live with Lupus, but when the specialist saw her tell-tale features and old foot x-rays, she suspected it wasn't Lupus, but Marfan's Syndrome.

Echocardiograms and MRIs confirmed it.

"It was the day after my 17th birthday, I knew walking in there (to hear the diagnosis confirmed) what they were going to say."

"I still hoped it was Lupus."

"Even though the risk of dying was greater with Lupus I knew I could continue to play basketball, but it was Marfan's."

"They said, 'you can't run, you can't play volleyball, baseball' they seemed to avoid basketball until the end. I told them 'I don't care about all that, can I play basketball?'"

"Then I heard it, 'you can't play basketball.' I wanted to die. I thought my life was over."

Christine went home ripped every basketball poster off the wall, her room was covered, and began a spiral into depression.

"I threw out everything. I hated everything. I hated life."

That was the denial stage. Beta-blocker drugs were prescribed to control her heart and help it heal as much as possible.

Christine was physically and emotionally in bad shape.

School attendance was sporadic and Christine began to fill her life with anything but good.

Liz and her whole family, stepfather, aunts, Grandmother, older brother and younger brother and sister, were all reeling from the news. They didn't know how to help her.

"I didn't want to do anything anymore," she remembers. "I was hurting myself more than basketball ever could."

Thankfully family and close friends persisted and managed to bring Christine around.

"It was eventually my family and friends who helped me see I couldn't deny everything," said Christine.

During this nine month time span Christine's heart began to heal and become stronger.

Another visit to the heart specialist confirmed she had healed well enough to resume playing, but the rheumatoid arthritis specialist was adamant that a blow to the chest could still be the end of her life.

"I didn't care. I began nagging my mom 24/7 to let me play," said Christine.

Nagging would be the understatement of the year, said Liz.

Where Liz was trying to convince her daughter to be safe and survive, Christine wanted to risk it all.

Christine used opportunity to remind her mother a simple car accident could cause the seatbelt to crush her heart. Slipping on ice or play-fighting with friends might provide the final blow.

Living could be what kills Christine.

Endless hours of praying, research and counselling showed Liz the light. She realized this wasn't her decision to make, as any mother would understand, this didn't come easy.

"I realized basketball isn't something Christine did, it makes her who she is."

"I knew none of us hold the fate of our life in our own hands, we think we do but it is held by a much stronger force than our own."

In turn, Liz reminded her daughter that she had been to every doctor's appointment, heard all the information and was aware of the dire consequences.

"Soon Christine would be 18 and would go off on her own, to college or whatever else, and I wouldn't be there to watch over her," said Liz, holding back tears. "I told Christine I would let her make her first adult decision. Then I asked, do you want to play?"

Christine's answer was expected.

She didn't waste anymore time to start living again.

Christine decided 2003/04 would be her signature season.

She knows yearly heart exams could deliver the news that once again she would have to give up the part of her that makes her feel so special.

"The second I touch a basketball it all seems easier, clear."

"I can do everything right, on the basketball court. On the court, whatever I do I do without hesitation. It just comes naturally, I don't have to stop and think."

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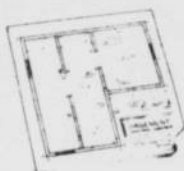
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March 14th, 1994
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is gone forever,
And his hands we cannot touch,
Still we have so many memories,
of the one we loved so much.
His memory is our keepsake,
with which we'll never part,
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We have him in our hearts.
Lovely remembered
and sadly missed by
your wife May (Sam),
Children and 9 Grandchildren
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Hilda Regner

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In Memory of a loving husband,
father, father-in-law,
Grandfather and
great Grandfather,
who passed away
March 19 - 1994
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ten years have passed
Since death its
gloom and shadows cast
In our home
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26 LIVESTOCK FOR SALE

20TH ANNUAL BULL Test Sale, Lakeland College Arena, Vermilion, Alberta, Saturday, March 27, 2004 at Noon. Phone 780-853-8595. awna

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35 REAL ESTATE

DIDSBURY BY Owner. 158,500. Bright bi-level, 3 bdrms, 2 baths, fully developed walk out basement with in floor heat. Over 2,000 sq. feet of living space. New lino & paint. Main floor laundry, french doors in kitchen, 2 large back decks. Double attached garage. Huge fenced yard. Call Don at 403-335-9353. 49-2t

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39 SERVICES

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335-9445 or 556-5447...email
info@prairies2peaks.ca

Didsbury Historical Society
Didsbury Museum is having a Roast
Beef dinner Mar. 19 at Elks Hall.
Doors open at 6:30 p.m., dinner at
7:00 p.m. Tickets at Museum or Car-
ousel Cottage.

DIDSBURY

DHS Grads of 2004

There will be an informational meeting
for all of the Grade 12 students and
their parents on Wednesday, March
31, 2004 at 7:30 in the library at
Didsbury High School. Information
will be provided with respect to the
"Celebration" and "Cap and Gown".

Midway School's Scholastic Book Fair

"Paws into Reading" welcomes The
Calgary Flames mascot "Harvey the
Hound" March 24 at 1:30 p.m.

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Easter Story

Come discover why....at Redeemer
Lutheran Church April 3, 4, 5 at 7:30
p.m.

Annual Rosebud Ham Dinner Fundraiser

Sunday, Mar. 21 - 12:00 noon to 2:30
p.m. at the Rosebud Hall. Adults \$7.50;
16 & under \$3.50; Family \$20.00

5-0 Club Hall Rentals

For hall rentals &/or info regarding the
hall please call Bea Niedersteiner
335-3058.

Didsbury & District Community Bus

Thurs. Mar 25/04. "Big Band Honey-
moon" at Bert Church Theatre-Airdrie.
Cost \$22. Money must be in by Mar.
18th. Bus leaves 5-0 at 6 p.m. Call Bea
335-3058 or Gen 335-3449.

ONGOING EVENTS

CARSTAIRS

RECYCLING DEPOT

Carstairs Lion's Recycling Depot is open
every Saturday from 9 a.m. - 12:20 p.m.

CARSTAIRS TOPS

Take off Pounds Sensibly at the Church
of God on Monday nights 7-8 p.m. For
further information call Jean 637-3753,
Shelly 337-3082 or Kim 946-4997.

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COMMUNITY CRISIS SOCIETY

Are you experiencing family violence?
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CHAMPS

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New Fall hours: Tues, Wed., Thurs,
12:30 - 4:30. Saturday: 1 - 5 p.m., special
occasions, & anytime by appointment.
Please call Dale Weiss at 335-4723 or
Willard Stauffer at 335-3715.

**SPECIAL FAMILIES
RESOURCE ASSOCIATION**
Support for families/caregivers of special
needs children. Meetings held 1st and
3rd Thurs. of every month in the Didsbury
Hospital in the Educational Conference
Room at 7 p.m. For more information
contact Cindy at 335-4123.

CHAMBER OF COMMERCE
Didsbury Chamber of Commerce meets
every 2nd Thursday. Once a month...
For more info please call 335-3265.

DIDSBURY TOPS

Take Off Pounds Sensibly! Come and
join us every Wednesday evening. For
more info call Stacey at 335-4487 or
Rosemary 335-2835.

ENVIRONMENTAL BOARD
Didsbury Environmental Advisory Board
meets once every month at the Town
Office. For info call the Town Office 335-
3391

HALL WALKING

Adult hall walking at Westglen from 6:45
a.m. Monday to Thursday. Keep fit this
winter.

DIDSBURY

BEAVER'S

Beaver's Monday 7 - 8 p.m. at Eldon
Foote Hall. Kids 5 to 7 years old, boys
and girls welcome.

TOY LIBRARY

Child & Youth Clubs of Didsbury Toy
Library: (Closed for the Summer) the
Anglican Church Hall basement 2037 -
24 Ave. New members always wel-
come. Kerri at 335-9928.

AA

Alcoholics Anonymous meetings. Fridays
8:30 p.m. at the Masonic Hall, Didsbury,
20 Ave. and 21 St. For information call
Wendy at 335-3877 or Rick at 335-9525.

TIME OUT

Child & Youth Clubs of Didsbury's Mom's
Time Out and Dads Too program. At
Anglican Church Hall, Mondays 10-
11:30 a.m. Nominal babysitting fee. Call
335-8183 or 335-9903 for more infor-
mation.

KING HIRAM LODGE

King Hiram Lodge#21 has its regular
meetings at 8 p.m. every 2nd Tuesday
of the month.

O.E.S. MEETING

St. Hilda Chapter #27 O.E.S. has its
regular meetings at 7:30 p.m. every 3rd
Tuesday of the month. For info. call Kay
Johnston at 335-4060.

GAMBLERS ANONYMOUS

Gamblers Anonymous (G.A.) starting
Monday, January 22 from 7 - 9 p.m. in
the Assembly Room at the Hospital Unit
4. For more information please call 335-
8208.

SONS OF NORWAY

Sons of Norway meets the 4th Monday
of every month at 8 p.m. at Evergreen
Centre in Olds. All welcome. Call 556-
2401 or 337-2037 for more information.

CASH BINGO

Didsbury Elks Cash Bingo every Tues-
day. Doors open 6:00 p.m., Nickel Bingo
at 6:45. Regular Bingo at 7:30 p.m.
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DIDSBURY PRESCHOOL

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INFORMATION

Mountain View La Leche League, a
group which offers information and sup-
port for breastfeeding mothers. We also
meet the 3rd Tuesday evenings of each
month 10 a.m. Olds Scout Hall. Phone
337-3617 or 556-3807 for information.

BRIDGE CLUB

Mountain View Bridge Club meets every
Wednesday from 7-10 p.m. at the
Masonic Star Hall, 2037-21 Avenue,
Didsbury. All bridge players welcome!
For more info: 335-4796.

HOME HELP ASSOCIATION
The Didsbury & District Senior Support
Services co-ordinates assistance for sen-
iors. Call 335-4391.

LEARNING DISABILITIES
Learning Disabilities of Alberta, Mtn. View
Chapter. Support and info for parents
and teachers dealing with learning dis-
abilities. For info call Susan at 335-3174.

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serve these magnificent animals in their
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Tues. of every month at Olds Cow Palace,
8 p.m. Call Doreen at 556-6167 for more
information.

MEETING

Adoption Support Group of Olds and area
meet the 3rd Tuesday of every month. For
more information contact Susan at 335-
8540.

SUNDRE

ALCOHOLICS ANONYMOUS
Wednesdays, 8 - 9 p.m. in the basement
of the Anglican Church. Ron 638-2736.

ALA TEEN

Ala Teen, Sundre United Church Base-
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